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I am opposed to the proposed settlement for the Microsoft anti-trust case. It is not punishment, but merely a requirement that the company halt doing what it has been doing in the past. I have little doubt that, if an opportunity presents itself, Microsoft will find a loophole that allows it to continue with actions that are harmful to consumers, against the spirit of the settlement and anti-trust law, but sufficiently close to the letter of this settlement that it will be able, once again, to spend years in court while it "cuts off the air supply" to yet another market. It ultimately doesn't change anything about the marketplace and will not help consumers.

Thank you,
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